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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors: **Mark E. ANDERSON, Donald E. ANDERSON, Glenn M. ANDERSON, and Kang S. LIM**

For: **APPARATUS FOR CREATING A PATHWAY IN AN ANIMAL AND METHODS THEREFOR**

This application is a Continuation of Prior Application No. 10/295,008, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed; and Prior Application No. 10/295,008 is a continuation-in-parts of Prior Application No. 10/161,575, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is also claimed.

Application Elements:

- 24** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 27** Sheets of informal Drawings
- Declaration
 - Newly executed
 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional). The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
 - Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Do not publish this application. Non-publication Request is attached.
- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)

- Power of Attorney
 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
 Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
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 Other:

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

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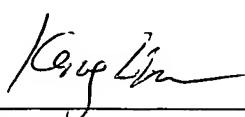


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